

GILBERT MALKER

Public Interest Environmental Litigation



What we do

- We act for organisations and entities in relation to major environmental matters that have implications for all New Zealanders.

How we help

- We represent clients in environmental matters in the High Court, Supreme Court and Court of Appeal, appearing in royal commissions, judicial reviews and in other litigation challenging ministerial decision-making. Acknowledging the importance of the resolution of environmental issues to the public at large, we often act on a pro bono basis.

Experience

- acting for the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated on public interest environmental matters:
 - High Court, Court of Appeal and Supreme Court appeals opposing an application for consent to mine the Taranaki seabed;
 - Court of Appeal and Supreme Court appeals opposing a proposed coal mine at Te Kuha on the West Coast;
 - a Supreme Court appeal regarding the application of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement to the activities of Port Otago;
 - High Court litigation regarding the Department of Conservation's management of tahr in national parks.
- acting for Lawyers for Climate Action New Zealand in an application for judicial review of the Climate Change Commission's report
- acting for the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society and the Federated Mountains Clubs in a High Court judicial review relating to the Paparoa National Park management plan

- acting for Lawyers for Climate Action New Zealand in its 2023 judicial review of the Minister of Climate Change’s decision-making regarding the ETS settings
- acting for the Federated Mountain Clubs in High Court litigation relating to a proposed hydroelectric scheme at Griffin Creek

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